

May 26, 2011

Dear Fours Families,

It's hard to believe we have less than three weeks of school remaining! If you haven't already seen, our caterpillars are now delicate chrysalises that are in a habitat in the classroom. We encourage you to take a look with your child during drop-off.

As we mentioned in our previous letter, we wanted to let you know our upcoming plans for preparing the children for the end of school.

This time of year can be an exciting and emotional time for young children, as the concept of the end of school is still very abstract. We recognize that strong feelings and sensitivities often come up, and it's not unusual to see some regression return. Because of this, it is best to keep consistent schedules and routines at home whenever possible. As a means to support the Fours in school, we will be introducing the book, Summer is Coming. The book describes how the Fours will be sharing some special activities with each other in these last days of school before leaving for the summer, and that it is o.k. to feel sad or happy or angry or excited or a mix of feelings. The book will be on our bookshelf, and we encourage you to take a look.

After returning to school from Memorial Day weekend, we will begin counting down the last days of school, using unifix cubes and a calendar that will be posted on the bulletin board. Each day at closing meeting, we'll take off one cube and cross off one number, as a way for children to see in a concrete way that the end of school is approaching. Having a visual like this is often helpful and comforting to children.

Just a few friendly reminders about upcoming events:

- Friday, May 27th - Field Day (please refer to the Lower School blog for specifics) **Children need to bring a bag lunch (no sweets or nuts/seeds) and bottle of water and wear a light blue t-shirt.**
- Wednesday, June 1st - Movement Assembly at 8:45am in the Big Room
- Wednesday, June 8th - Fours Picnic at 6:00pm on the Roof
- Friday, June 10th - Dismissal at 11:45am
- Tuesday, June 14th - LAST DAY! Dismissal at 11:45am

Kindest regards,

Beth & Stephanie